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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing  
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)  
according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): BAN, Keisuke  
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For: METHOD OF CASTING AND CASTING

Enclosed are:

- X   A specification consisting of   25   pages
- X     8   sheet(s) of   formal   drawings
- X   Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- X   Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
- Preliminary Amendment

- X Information Sheet
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Applicant requests early publication

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- X The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed patent application together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- X A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- The Government Filing Fee will be paid at the time of completion of the filing requirement.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	2000-137799	05/10/00
JAPAN	2001-16858	01/25/01
JAPAN	2001-21277	01/30/01

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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